

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as specified above, and that claims 1-14 be cancelled prior to calculation of the filing fee. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

Current Status of Claims

Claims 15-27 are newly added, and are the only currently pending claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the parent case, the Examiner finally rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,541,985) in view of Fulton (U.S. Pat. No. 6,259,409). Independent claim 15 (which is similar to cancelled claim 1) more distinctly point out the invention. Specifically, the limitation regarding a “*plurality of data sets*” now indicates that each data set is associated with “a card of a plurality of cards.” New claim 15 should resolve any ambiguity regarding the relationship between data sets and cards. Additionally, claim 15 clearly states that the recording medium “*emulates the card associated with said selected data set.*” These two new limitations that were missing in cancelled claim 1 more accurately describe a mobile communication terminal that stores data sets associated with cards, and emulates a selected one of the cards. Such an arrangement is not disclosed by any combination of the prior art cited by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits independent claim 15, and claims 16-24 depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

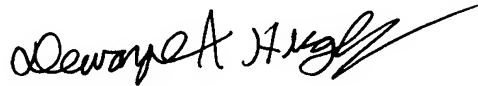
In the parent case, the Examiner rejected cancelled claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Schilling (U.S. Pat. No. 6,170,745). Newly added independent claim 25 (which is similar to claim 17 in the parent case) should clarify distinctions between the invention claimed herein and the device disclosed by Schilling.

Specifically, new claim 25 indicates that the recording medium "*emulates the card associated with said selected card information item to an external device.*" This limitation was missing from cancelled/rejected claim 17. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 25 is in condition for allowance.

Further Action Requested

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 15-27 are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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